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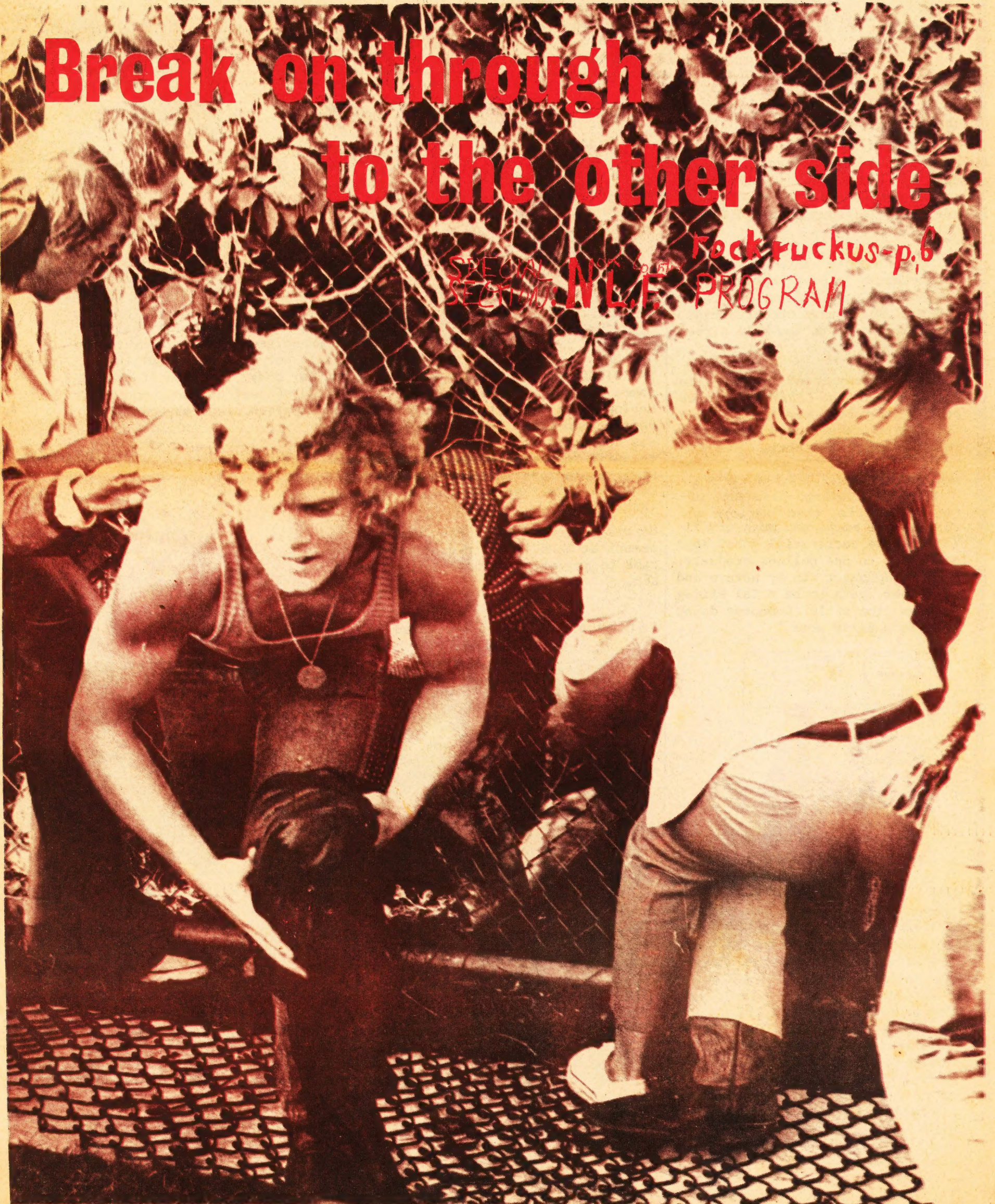
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A NEWS SERVICE



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WHO WILL BE MY FRIDAY GAL?

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Remember the days when every one-man office was run by a Gal Friday, when every silver-templed executive couldn't get along without his old faithful?

Gals (Monday through) Friday are becoming "almost impossible to find" these days laments the president of Personnel Opportunities, Inc., according to the Wall Street Journal.

One company tried renaming its "steno pool" the "office services pool" but nobody was fooled. And it doesn't take long for women to realize that the title "administrative assistant" means typing and coffee runs.

A Barnard College placement official reports that "seniors and alumnae are more and more unwilling to take secretarial jobs." Why? According to one college graduate, "It's repugnant to my nature and my career path to be a Gal Friday because the title connotes doing the man's dirty work."



"I believe that if we had and would keep our dirty, bloody, dollar-crooked fingers out of the business of these nations so full of depressed exploited people, they will arrive at a solution on their own. That they fight and work for. And if unfortunately their revolution must be of the violent type because the 'haves' refuse to share with the 'have-nots' by any peaceful method, at least what they get will be their own and not the American type, which they don't want and above all don't want crammed down their throats by Americans.

....General David M. Shoup, Retired Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

Here's one way the community is getting it together. The Electric Fetus and Oblivion Record Shops are now charging a dime surcharge on each record sold. The money will be going for the defense of the Minnesota 8. Jonah, at the Whale is also charging a surcharge on leather goods.



SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (LNS): Pfc. James Wallace, 23 years old, a Marine Corps Reservist and a student at San Diego State College, was convicted at a court martial recently for refusing to comply with regulations that Marines must wear their hair no more than three inches long.

He was sentenced to 21 days confinement at hard labor, reduction in rank to private and forfeiture of \$60.

51% of all Americans are women

I thought I would just write in and say your doing a good job.

FRIEND

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS): The Food and Drug Administration prohibits meat from being sold for human consumption if it contains more than seven parts per million of DDT. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare, recently released figures showing that the average American contains twelve parts per million of DDT in his or her body. So even if you're tired of beef or pork, don't eat an American...you may get sick.



Washington, D.C. Honor America Day brought these happy faces together. Here the crowd is being entertained.

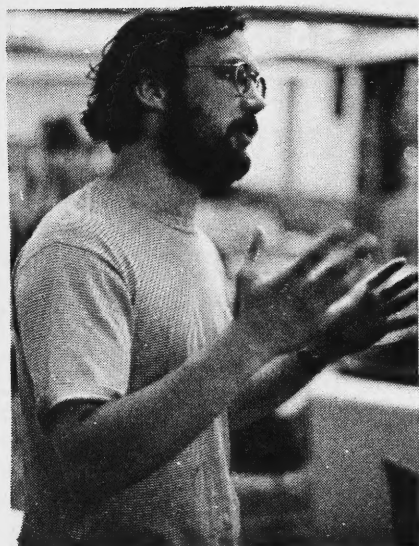


MINNESOTA 8 FIGHT



"Education is the Action. We have to draw the connections between things like Selective Service and the rising cost of food."
 PETE SIMMONS

"We don't want a personality issue. We believe the momentum of consciousness raised by our arrests should be built on."
 BILL TILTON



"We need now to organize committees to carry on the struggle."
 BRAD BENEKE

A committee of about seventy-five people has been meeting and is beginning to organize a defense organization to publicize the political implications of the arrest and trial of the Minnesota 8.

Tactics: They agreed there is no contradiction between street actions (marches, demonstrations, what-have-you) and public relations (going out to the people door-to-door, speakers bureau, leaflets). Both should develop slowly and build to a strong Fall Offensive.

They hope to open a booth at the State Fair, provide speakers for the National Student Association Conference to be held at the U. August 8th-9th. Hopefully these contacts with people should also help provide much-needed funds for defense. Rock concerts are also being planned for the fall to help raise money.

If you can donate money, want some information, or would like a speaker for your favorite group, call 338-1313.



"It's everyone's trial now."
 FRANK KRONKE

STATEMENT



At their press conference Wednesday, the Minnesota 8 issued the following statement:

We, the Minnesota 8, have been accused by the government of acts of sabotage. We are criticized for acting in a violent and mindless manner. Some have said we will cause their taxes to rise, and by others we have been sentenced to death by hanging.

We must reply:

The war continues, our president pushing us deeper into the conflict, against the nation's will--yet we are told we have a democracy.

Young men, yet unable to vote, are forced to fight a war in which they don't believe--but people still maintain we live in a free country.

Women and minority races are exploited for capital gain--yet one of our professed ideals is equal treatment for all.

Less than one percent of our nation's corporations control two-thirds of all corporate wealth--but many continue to believe we have a free enterprise system.

Inflation has continued for six years, tax burdens are increased at the working class level--at the same time that the government squanders eighty billion dollars a year on the military budget.

Workers are forced to strike to keep up with the rising cost of living--yet big business brags about its fair and equal return of goods to the workers.

Forty million people are undernourished and starving in this country--yet how often have we heard about the wealth of America.

Many are imprisoned because of outrageous bails--yet we talk about "innocent until proven guilty."

The United States supports dictatorships around the world, such as in Greece, Spain and South Vietnam--but ironically we are told that we are preserving and protecting a free world.

Americans must ALL respond to these contradictions in our society. We cannot allow ourselves to be lied to by our leaders.

We, the Minnesota 8, believe that if the people who call themselves patriots acted as patriots, then possibly we could begin to resolve these contradictions in our society.

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Modern Farce DAY IN COURT

Another act in the ongoing road show, "The Oppression and Intimidation of Dissent, as Performed by the Local Judiciary under the Direction of the Fuzz," was performed Tuesday morning at Minneapolis Criminal Court. Appearing cast were the fourteen persons arrested on Saturday, July 11, for leaving the scene of a demonstration; their attorneys, seasoned performers Chet Bruvold and Ken Tilsen; assistant city attorney Ed Vavreck, the perennial heavy; and a presiding judge, court reporter, bailiffs, bail bondsmen, and the usual extras who dress the stage in these farces.

As a curtain raiser, the large and already eager audience was treated to several sets of "Rock Concert Repression" performed by the chamber group that staged "Police Riot" on the night of July 12. Its structure was fugal but diffuse; if these people and the attorneys rehearsed a bit more, together, perhaps with the more experienced performers from "The Oppression," the

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MPLS. FINEST

On the Street, in the Courts

I and thirteen others were arrested Saturday night, July 11th, in the neighborhood of City Hall following a demonstration held in sympathy for the eight young men who were caught by FBI agents inside draft board offices. I was there because I know personally and like several of the eight, because I am ashamed of my country's actions in Indochina, and because I hoped that I could intervene with young demonstrators and with police to prevent violence.

Demo Derby

Philip R. Schuster

As a witness to the "free the 8" demonstration I would like to submit my admittedly subjective observations. As many of us already realize, there is no such thing as objective reporting. Statements to the effect that demonstrators held an unlawful assembly (what is lawful?) so the cops had to break it up (why did they block the sidewalk in order to prevent the demonstrators from doing the same?) The fallacy of objectivity is just another

ty. Involving observing and Thinking without feeling, an example of the capitalist mentality.

After the 8-block march from the Minneapolis Auditorium to the Court building a rather sane looking freak began rapping to the crowd about what the lunatic had done to him and how they messed with all the other sane people in the asylum.

I could see some of the institutional psychotics standing on the sidelines with their heads in boxes and their black straight jackets hiding their naked flesh from the sun. One guy in fact felt our politics were so unreasonable that he didn't have to read our pamphlets to find out what our position was. My head was really getting heavy thinking about antiseptic bodies and closely scribbled brains. I spent much of the time handing out leaflets, watching, observing, responding, trying to figure out

what made these people go off the wall.

So I caught a squirmish in which somebody put the NLF flag on the flag pole and some other dude tried to haul it down. I figured that if they got their high from flying flags they could fight over it. I couldn't figure it out because the only flag I give allegiance to is inside my head. Then some of us demonstrators began cheering the flag. It was hauled down and up went the U.S. flag flying like Uncle Sam's star

spangled snot rag as the other team cheered.

"Off the streets; This is an unlawful assembly," yelled one of head cops and all the well mannered radicals, revolutionaries and liberal peace-niks occupied the people's sidewalks. By this time a lot of "business-types" with funny clothes and strange haircuts gathered around to see the circus.



The demonstration was small (perhaps 200 people), entirely peaceful, a bit boring and almost spontaneous (there were neither loudspeakers nor petitions). As the group was beginning to leave, a couple of young women whom I did not recognize shoved poles through some of the glass entrance doors. At once the vast majority of the demonstrators began to leave wearing worried and disapproving expressions.

What happened next should shock the citizens of the Twin Cities; it certainly shocked me. Last year Judge Reilly roasted the police force for interfering with the constitutionally protected right of free assembly when they beat residents on Plymouth Avenue with clubs and used their arrest power to intimidate. On Saturday, in spite of Judge Reilly's report, I again saw the "tac squad" at work with their clubs and again arrests were made in order to intimidate rather than for probable cause.

The police made no attempt then or subsequently to arrest those who had broken the windows (non-arrest may have been wise at the time since the demonstrators might then have been enticed into violence). There was no public announcement that the meeting was "unlawful;" indeed, no bullhorn was used although one was present. Many police, however (but by no means all) chased young demonstrators with the sole objective of beating them. But no one who was badly beaten was arrested (one young man was given both a concussion and a broken arm. He was taken to General Hospital but was not arrested on release. Now he is afraid to file charges.) I talked with most of the fourteen persons who were arrested and discovered no case in which there was probable cause for arrest.

Four examples will illustrate: Mike Miller was on his way to a restaurant for supper and knew nothing about the demonstration. He was ordered to leave the area by one policeman and complied. Then he was ar-



rested by another policeman with the key in his car door. Wes Hayden, who had noticed policemen in the parking lot with shotguns, was persuading young demonstrators to leave. When told to return to his car, he refused to cross against the light in fear that he would be arrested for jaywalking. Instead, he was arrested because a policeman "didn't like his face." Both Mike and Wes are Black. Bob Hanson was arrested when he told a policeman that "you are doing exactly the right thing if you want to radicalize these young people." He was labelled "a wise guy" and was particularly incensed by the behavior of badge number 451. I had remonstrated with the police over Wes's arrest and over the use of brutalizing force but was not arrested until I asked to walk over to my car and leave. The young hooligan who arrested me was wearing badge number 138. When asked what the charges would be by another policeman (who had directed me to a Sargent for permission to go to my car) badge 138 answered, "I'll think of something."

Most of us were brought up to believe that police are self-disciplined and with the further beliefs that fear of departmental censure, judicial review, and the possibility of false arrest and civil damage suits are entirely adequate protection against the transformation of a police force into a para-military organization which operates outside the law. After Saturday night, the invasion of Professor Lykken's house, the punitive action on July 12th against young rock afficianados and Father Bury's arrest on July 16th, I no longer believe that these controls over the police are adequate. Black and Indian friends tell me that brutalizing and intimidating force has been used for years to repress members of their communities.

I now believe that it is essential for the federal

courts to place a restraining order on the police so that they will protect rather than deny the civil rights guaranteed to all by our Constitution. With a restraining order in place, a judge could find in contempt any policeman who was found in court to have violated someone's civil rights. Thus an offended citizen would have a remedy available at modest expense. In contrast, a false arrest suit, which would almost certainly be appealed by the police all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court at taxpayer's expense, could easily cost the plaintiff \$15,000, with only an outside chance of success and almost no chance of recovering these costs. A good police defense would be, "I am indeed sorry; it was an honest mistake on my part." In any event, arrest is not pleasant nor is the "drunk tank" in which one awaits a bail bondsman or arraignment. And the fee one pays to a bail bondsman is, in effect, a fine levied without attention to guilt or innocence since it cannot be recovered.

Further, one's record and fingerprints are sent to Washington at once and can only be returned by action of the Attorney General of the State or a court order and this would require additional expenses. For the sake of my family, I will think twice before attending another peaceable assembly; others who were present will likely respond the same way. The civil rights of all of us have been successfully infringed. Mechanisms of the Law which are ostensibly designed to protect our rights have, in this and similar instances, been used to violate these rights.

The police must be restrained from operating outside the law.

John Buttrick
Professor of Economics
University of Minnesota

During intermission, a band of the "blue meanies" marched into the people's street. They had these wicked sticks in their hands and I wondered what was going on inside these cops' heads as they were being turned into human tin soldiers.

We were just milling around the people's parking lot across the street from the court building, obligingly letting pedestrians through our ranks when the head cop decided to tell us we were an unlawful assembly again. It seems

that some dude thought it was his private property and wanted to oust the people from it. Some megalomaniac from the lunatic fringe, no doubt. So the head cop began winding up his tin soldier set and they marched into people's sidewalk, blocking it so that the pedestrians couldn't get through. Some of us tried to reason with them. We wanted to know why they were obstructing the sidewalk and

declared them unlawful assembly.

The unlawful assembly started jabbing the people with sticks and pushed them into the corner. We crossed the street and were forced to march around the court house. The unlawful assembly got tired of kicking people around the building and decided to block the people's sidewalk.

So there they were, all lined up at the court building telling us we couldn't demonstrate anymore at the court building in Stenvig's all American city. Again some of us tried to reason with them. By this time the people were really riled up and were more emphatic in their cries of "pigs", "fascists", and all other epithets that demonstrators habitually yell at cops.

Now, me and a few others were really trying hard to break thru the blue meanie exterior. We asked them why they were blocking the sidewalk, and one of them muttered something about "orders." The rest

just stared back at us like we were a bunch of human trees. One of us tried to explain that they were using a Nazi tactic, or something like that, but there was no response. Most of them seemed to show signs of uneasiness in their faces. I'm not too sure whether they were ordered to remain silent or if they just couldn't answer us. Somewhere beneath the psychotic exterior there must be real human beings, or maybe that's just hopeful thinking.

When the head cop finally ordered us not to addle the brains of his tin soldiers we all dispersed. I just can't help thinking, though, what it must be like to be inside their insane asylum. Maybe I'm just being misled by my radical or socialist inclinations to taint my observations with subjective bias. Maybe that's why I can't make objective observations and approach the situation more rationally.

Sunday Funday at

It was a gray day from the beginning for weather-watchers, music listeners and gatecrashers alike. It could only get better and as soon as the vibes began improving a few surprisingly good moves by the promoter caught the momentum, and with good music to match, the Sunday open-air festival became a convincingly happy one.

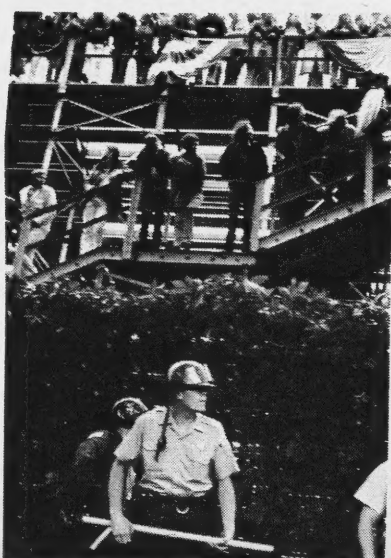
It was the usual microcosm of the pigs-versus-people world that we've been coming to expect lately from such music happenings. It's been becoming dangerous to come to these things, especially if you're one of the increasingly Big Bunch who've decided that any music concert that costs money is worth sneaking into.

The first hint of things to come popped up even before sighting Parade Stadium. Minneapolis Police had been busy beavers that eve, placing temporary "No Parking" signs throughout the entire Kenwood area. Within an hour after the music began

they had tagged every parked car from Govealand to Franklin.

Among the security force were several brown-belted karate experts. I doubt whether they were ever used or even taken seriously. They looked harmless anyway. A lot more harmless than the consistently six-foot-plus uniformed ushers hired from the Auditorium, some of whom have been reacting to gate crashers lately like junior cops (piglets?). According

to one usher we talked to, some of the more mellow ushers were being intimidated by the police for not being more harsh on gate-crashers.



Speaking of harshness, the police put on another classic display of over-reaction before promoter Pat Reins put a clamp on them, refusing to press charges. The Tac Squad was there with their battle clubs in action: kids were being busted for obscenities and at its peak the stadium was surrounded by police before Reins (who was taking a \$45,000 loss) pulled in the reins on the cops.

Inside, few nightmares or day-dreams had been influenced by the

proceedings outside, but the word travelled pretty well that they were letting crashers in through a hole in the fence, and that tickets had been lowered to a buck a piece.

Perhaps Reins' change of attitude was the turning point in the day. It came well after White Lightening, a local group that has an astonishing note-for-note, man-for-man resemblance to the Detroit group SRC. It also came after the long wait for Sly and the Family Stone, and the first half of Sly's set, in which his usually disjointed music was a bit more disjointed than usual. And it came after the sun had peeked out from the overcast for good.

Sly is one of the very few famous musicians with the individuality to recognize the idolatry and hocus-pocus which surround them for what it is. Considering the emergence of the Family Stone as one of the "innest" bands playing, Sly takes advantage of his power and Sunday he shook a lot of people up. Others resented his thrashing comments directed at the consciences and/or plastic exteriors of the Minneapolis audience, particularly since he really wasn't offering much of himself. But he finally got cooking and his last songs, "Stand" and "Higher" had everybody standing, right through the encore "Hot Fug in the Summertime."

Sly had thrown off the evening's schedule, which had to be completed by 10:00. The promoters responded with some really smart moves. They

A CONVERSATION WITH KAL DAVID

I talked to Kal David of the Illinois Speedpress after Sunday's gig at Parade Stadium. David said the last two times they were in Minneapolis they really enjoyed the responsive audiences. He was especially impressed by the reception they received at the Labor Temple. David has been spreading the word to other groups that Minneapolis is an enjoyable place to play. He was disappointed by the dead and unresponsive audience at Parade Stadium, though.

Asked about the \$7.50 price, David said he thought it should have been closer to \$5.00 instead. He was down on those kids who demanded in or crashed in, and felt sorry for the promoter who was taking a big loss. But he assured me that Speedpress likes to play free gigs, as they have done in Los Angeles.

David and Cotton started playing in the local rock clubs of Chicago, but they decided that in order to make it they had to go to L.A. He cited examples of other Chicago talent that had to go elsewhere to gain recognition (Bloomfield, Butterfield, and Chicago). David said they don't like L.A. that much, but they have a good contract with Columbia and are working on a new album. David also expressed optimism for the upcoming Galena Rock Festival.



A LETTER TO HUNDRED FLOWERS

TO THE PEOPLE:

I attended the outdoor rock festival held at Parade Stadium on Sunday.

Upon entering the stadium we were informed by members of the Youth Emergency Service that no pigs would be allowed inside and the general feeling was one of complete freedom. We were all here together for an entire afternoon of music, and getting to know each other.

We were later told that a few people outside the admission gate were trying to get inside without paying.

Immediately, it seems the entire Minneapolis police force was down upon us flashing their sticks and their authority. Armed they were with guns and hard hats, all ready for a showdown in which they could prove they had power.

From then on, for the remainder of the afternoon, groups of eight to ten pigs could be seen roaming around the inside of the Stadium, which I feel was hardly necessary. It seems to me, pigs who look for trouble eventually find it. To you Mr. Pig, you are only making it for yourselves. And to you the people---United We Stand.

All Power to the People
Cher

Parade Stadium

dropped Bloomsbury People, which would only have been an anxious interlude between Johnny Winter and Richie Havens, and wisely offered Winter the longest set--cutting the sets of both Illinois Speedpress and Richie Havens.

Speedpress followed Sly, and quickly displayed some strong, polished music in the half-hour they played.



They feature good voices, good harmonies, good arrangements, and best of all, good guitar work. They were not intense enough for this audience though, and were largely ignored.

(See Horse's interview with Kal David of the Speedpress.)

Johnny Winter followed, and proceeded to make the show a success. His brother Edgar was confined to the drums (the regular drummer was ill) where he didn't have the chance to foul things up for Johnny. Winter has a pair of new sidemen, the old bassist and guitarist for the McCoys. The new guitarist complements Winter nicely and rivals him as well. The two guitars are similar and they take

advantage of it--sometimes racing, sometimes dwelling. Johnny wins the fastest-fingers race, though, but just barely.

Richie Havens closed the show with "Freedom," but not before he created an anticipation for it that was intensely exciting. Money has the same color as envy, he reminded us. We in Amerika have left our magic in the cradle. It's time to kick out the jams, baby. We want our Freedom.

Havens had the crowd in a fitting climactic frenzy. After the song

he returned to the stage only to find his mike turned off. He responded dramatically by shouting at the top of his lungs: "THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

Thank YOU very much, Havens, Winter, et. al.

Gosh, pigs are only human.
--a pig

I was strolling through the park the other day kindly assisting a few young fellows over a high fence which seemed to be between them and some good music, when a tremendous "oink" pierced the air.

It seems that by mistake I had helped one of our friendly officers up the fence as well, not realizing he was pursuing a fellow who had just climbed over. Well now, another friendly officer seeing this grabbed me and said, "Touch him again and I'll crack your head open." I said, "F_k you," and the friendly young officer proceeded to kick at me in the groin.

Not wishing to be kicked in the groin, I fell backwards on top of a couple amused music listeners, and said, "what the f_k's

wrong with you," trying to make the crowd aware of his extreme anger and physical chauvinism.

Well, one of the irate officer's superiors took him away to calm him down a bit, but then he started on the women, raising his stick to hit a girl who was sitting peacefully on the grass nearby. She may have been smoking some weed, I couldn't tell, but there was no reason to strike her. By this time several members of the Tac Squad were on hand drooling hopefully.

I guess I used that illegal word once too often in describing the piglet's stick, and this time polite Sgt. Arvidson arrested me for it.

Anyway it was great fun being escorted away in front of hundreds of envious brothers and sisters, it was a great feeling seeing "Beaver 55," "Ban the Barn," and other people's slogans on the walls of the "drunk tank."

I rapped with a few of the town drunks (good people) and relaxed by meditating.

As I expected, soon other brothers from the Parade Stadium scene arrived--one full of blood from being bashed twice in the face because he refused to dig in the dirt.

Anyway, there was soon about 20 of us for miscellaneous charges, breach of peace, defacing flag, damaging trees, etc. And we had a good rap session about the day's fun. (Later I learned that 120 of the blue meanies were on the scene Sunday.

We all went to criminal court the next morning and most of us asked for written complaints, arresting officers' names and charges before entering our pleas--always a good idea by the way.

(I simply called Y.E.S. at 338-7588 and they gave me all the help I needed. Don't forget the court must furnish you with an attorney if you can't afford your own.)

Also I hope to press assault charges against the cop who attacked me and I'm receiving help from Neil Meyer and Doug Hall at the Legal Rights center to do so. We've got to stop them every chance we get. All Power to the PEOPLE.

GALENA FEST SHALL ROCK

By the sounds of things the music festival planned for July 31-August 2 near Galena, Illinois may be a good chance for Midwest freaks to get together and just be, without the sceptre of Hollywoodstock-type promotion hanging over them.

Hundred Flowers talked to Bill Schulz of Sound Storm Productions, the group that is putting together the Galena fest. Bill said that with Galena he is "trying to take a different direction" in putting together

hip-culture entertainment. The groups booked aren't super-star-super-groups, but are just as good in many cases, and in some ways better. So far the advertising has been low key, and only on F.M.

It doesn't sound like Galena will be the largest gathering, the biggest drug-in, or a Woodstock '70, but maybe the people that will be drawn to a non-hype festival will be more likely to create a together community for the three days.

The festival area covers over 200 acres of countryside near Galena Illinois. The camping area will be set behind the audience area, and parking behind that. The sound system is said to be "good, strong, and

reliable". Plans are to have 200 portable toilets, 2-4 water trucks there all the time, low cost concessions, and both professional and freak med people. There will be a special tent for bum trippers. There will be a fence around the site and a security force to discourage gate crashing. Bill said he and the other promoters feel \$10. (\$15. at gate) ticket price is "fair", considering the quality of entertainment and facilities provided.

Here's the lineup:

Friday: SRC, Fuse, Rotary Connection, Leon Russel, Tim Hardin, Mason Profitt, Illinois Speedpress, Little Richard, Johnny Winter.

Saturday: Joe Kelly Blues Band, Mason Profitt, Flying Burrito Bros., Albert King, Buffy Ste. Marie, Rotary Connection, Lee Michaels, Youngbloods, Savoy Brown, Chambers Bros., Chicken Shack, Corky Segal, Shag, Reo Speedwagon.

Sunday: Bloomsbury People, Gypsy, White Lightning, Oz, Joe Kelly Blues Band, Luther Sillison, Poco, Ian and Sylvia, Great Speckled Bird, Terry Reid, Everly Bros., Guess Who.



PETE SIMMONS CHUCK TURCHIK BILL TILTON MIKE THERIAULT FRANK KRONKE BRAD BENEKE DON OLSON

(CLIFF UHLEN, not shown) Photo credit: Cheryl Walsh



They're on the inside for us; we're on the outside for them

SERVE THE PEOPLE!

to live we must love • to love we must
survive • to survive we must fight



EDITORS' NOTE: HUNDRED FLOWERS HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE MEDIA COLLECTIVE TO PUBLISH THIS PLATFORM SO THAT THE COMMUNITY MIGHT CONSIDER ITS POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE AND PROGRAMATIC SUGGESTIONS. WE SUGGEST THAT COLLECTIVES AND HOUSES DISCUSS THIS DOCUMENT AS WELL AS TOM HAYDEN'S 'TRIAL' ISSUE OF RAMPARTS. THE EVENTS OF RECENT MONTHS DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR COLLECTIVE COORDINATION AND ACTION. WE MUST COME TOGETHER TO RESIST THE REPRESSION OF OUR MOVEMENT AND AT THE SAME TIME, TO INITIATE NEW PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE.

NORTH COUNTRY LIBERATION FRONT PROGRAM

We are all outlaws in the eyes of America
We are everything they say we are
and we are very proud of ourselves
but we should be together
so come on all you people standing round
our life's too fine
to let it die
and we can be together

Jefferson Airplane

1. WE WILL EXPAND OUR FREE TERRITORIES IN THE NORTH COUNTRY AND CREATE OUR REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE EVERYWHERE.

There was a time, not too long ago, when episodic events like marches and rallies and occasional gatherings such as Be-ins and truck festivals seemed adequate expressions of our protest against the death-tripping establishment and for our new culture of Woodstock Nation. Now, whether we like it or not, we are no longer attempting to persuade governmental authorities or reform a few isolated social ills. Rather, we are resisting the demands by a dying social order for obedience and we are beginning to build opposition to State power and alternatives to the banality of mainstream culture. We can expect America's rulers to react to these insurgent efforts with the same repressive treatment that folks outside her privilege pattern have met for years. As Abbie Hoffman puts it: 'TO LOVE WE MUST LIVE / TO LIVE WE MUST SURVIVE / TO SURVIVE WE MUST FIGHT.'

Already, we have begun to create a revolutionary counter-culture and have established zones of struggle and liberation throughout the Northcountry. Many of us now live communally and/or work collectively. We must continue to come together, get to know each other, and expand our new families and sense of community. We must establish cooperatives and create parks and places for wandering and music which serve the community. We must further develop our own media-news-papers, comics, posters, films, bands and theater-to express our expanding revolutionary consciousness. To survive, we must create a genuine community and control it to serve our material and spiritual ends. But to win, we must act in dedicated and disciplined groups and in solidarity with other revolutionary communities and movements to challenge the present system and liberate the planet. Our ability to do this depends on our willingness to overcome archaic values, destructive prejudices and former organizational inadequacies to expand the revolution.

2. WE WILL TURN THE SCHOOLS INTO TRAINING GROUNDS FOR LIBERATION.

Beneath the progressive facade of Twin Cities schools, students continue to be regimented into accepting the existing system. Young blacks or native Americans can especially testify that the schools don't tell the truth about the nature of society or the world. They aren't relevant to the problems which face us. Instead they divide us and breed cynicism and a feeling of powerlessness. They try to make us obey authorities who deserve no respect. Students must destroy the senile, dictatorship of school bureaucrats and hard-nosed teachers. Grading, tests, tracking, detentions, demotions, and expulsions must be abolished. Police and nars have no place in a people's school. We must move together to eliminate the brainwashing, finger-nail cutting mass production of junior cogs for tight-ass Amerika's old age home-war machine. Some students will start independent educational forms such as free schools (like Freedom House) to move toward this goal, while others will join together in organizations (like Minnesota Student Union) to continue to struggle for change in the established schools.

3. WE WILL ELIMINATE THE UNIVERSITY UNLESS IT SERVES THE PEOPLE.

The University of Minnesota is not only a major oppressive institution in the Twin Cities, but also a center for social and world domination. U of M crushes any sensitivity in its students while training them as robots for corporations and ROTC programs which will lead the repression of insurgencies within the United States and in the Third World.

Students shouldn't recognize the false authority of the regents, administration or faculty councils. To prepare themselves for the struggle for human liberation students have to learn to learn what they want, from whom they want, and in the manner they decide. They have the right to take political action against such outrages as ROTC, CJS, campus complicity, and so on without academic penalty. We must build a movement to make the University and Northcountry's other colleges relevant to black, third world, working people, indians, women and young people searching for human values and vocations. It is time that Amerika's universities and colleges serve the people instead of the State and corporate business. Our education will be conducted by making a critical presence in the classroom, by creating curriculum alternatives (such as the Free University and Peace College), and by confronting injustice on or off campus. We will change this massive social service station which serves the State and business, limits our freedom and pollutes our minds. Or we will stop its functioning altogether until it can be reconstructed to serve our human needs instead of to train and channel narrow and boring clods who know only one thing: how to kiss an ass that should be kicked.

4. WE WILL PROTECT AND EXPAND OUR DRUG CULTURE.

We relate to the liberating potential of marijuana, hallucinogenics, etc. for both the mind and the body politic. These drugs inspire us to new possibilities in life which can only be realized in revolutionary action. As a loving community we discourage the use of hard drugs because we believe the pigs would rather have us shoot up than at them. We will distribute drug information and regard addiction as a sickness that needs treatment rather than punishment. At the same time, we must protect the people from nars and burn artists. Drug busts will be defined as political and we must develop all necessary defense for those arrested.

5. WE WILL BREAK THE POWER OF THE LANDLORDS AND PROVIDE BEAUTIFUL HOUSING FOR EVERYONE.

Through rent strikes, community control campaigns (like that of the West Bank Union) and seizures of property (like that of the Dinkytown Occupation) we will drive out large landlords, banks and developers who are raising rents and spreading ugliness. We shall force them to transfer control to the community, making decent housing available according to people's needs. Toward that end, we will aid the building of coordinated neighborhood councils which fight for the community's interest and aspirations. Therefore, we reject the social control schemes and elitist development programs of benevolent feudal-like landlords of corporations like Cedar-Riverside Associates. We also oppose programs such as urban removal which systematically destroy and disperse minority communities and powerless white homeowners. We especially support the American Indian Movement's campaign to get housing for native Americans who have been discriminated against by racist South-side landlords.

6. WE WILL RESIST THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR PSYCHIC AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.

Corporate capitalism, dedicated to profit and oblivious to the real human needs of the majority of mankind, has most drastically thrown the ecology of the world into chaos. Measuring progress against the GNP, it peacefully produces the means of our destruction and perfects waste which it sells by creating false needs through media manipulation of the public. Although the capitalist system presently 'delivers the goods', it shapes people's psychic need which lead them to unthinkingly consume wasteful products that fulfill no real need and give no satisfaction to the consumer. It does this not only at the expense of people's real needs but their physical environment as well. Realizing that the people of the emerging Third World have been hardest hit by this plunder, we place special priority in supporting their battle to gain control of their lands. But we also understand the importance of stopping the poisoning of our own food, the destruction of our own rivers and forests, etc.

We must begin to build a decent and beautiful environment for all people, creating malls and parks throughout the city--not merely in showy commercial places. At the same time, we must resist freeway development that paves over already existing parks at the fantastic rate of 50 acres per mile. Freeway construction inevitably leads to chain reaction: starting with the destruction of the city itself, by

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occupying land that should be used by people. The time has come to ask--are we going to abandon our city to the highway and automobile? And, is the private automobile (with its smog-producing internal combustion engine) a rational way to transport large numbers of commuters within an urban area. At present, more people die on Amerika's highways each year than in Vietnam; yet a rapid transit system would eliminate this tragic total as well as pollution.

7. WE WILL TREAT THE ELDERLY WITH THE RESPECT DUE THEM AND JOIN THEM IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO MAKE GROWING OLD MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE.

Among the 30 largest cities in the United States, Minneapolis had the highest proportion of persons over the age of 64, according to the 1960 census. The 64,799 persons aged 65 and over living in Minneapolis constituted 13.4 percent of the city's population. These senior citizens have, by in large, been pushed aside by society, retired early, isolated in high-rise apartment complexes which have replaced their old neighborhoods, served by well-intended but limited agencies, and acknowledged by politicians only in public speeches around campaign time.

For many of the Northcountry's elderly, the inactivity of retirement is boring and oppressive. Compulsory retirement often results in the waste of valuable talents and abilities which society still needs. Corporations and businesses sometimes push aside skilled, experienced workers to make room for young talent that will maximize profits for the employer. As a result, thousands of productive elderly people find themselves locked into an isolated existence: living apart in a high-rise, watching television and doing housework or hobbies, attending an occasional senior citizens' club meeting. For some, retirement is such a shock, so oppressive, that it ends their will to live. According to mortality figures, death rates jump abruptly for persons in their first year of retirement.

We believe that older people still want to contribute to society. Likewise, they want to be integrated into American life, to interact with people of various ages and life-styles. Men and women with needed skills should be retained by employers. More sensitive counseling and group discussions must be provided by independent agencies for those who want guidance in planning their retirement. Retired persons who do not enjoy unemployment must be given meaningful, well-paying jobs. Families must review the value of living with their elder members and extend their living arrangements to include them. Senior citizens should not be shuttled into 'old folks homes' and those that choose to live in housing for the elderly must have excess to interaction with younger people.

Everyone has a stake in this struggle to acknowledge the social importance and values of senior citizens. Too many of us suffer the delusion that growing old is something that happens to everybody but ourselves.

8. WE WILL TAKE COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

High-quality medical and dental care, including laboratory tests, hospitalization,

surgery and medicines must be made freely available. Child-care collectives staffed by both men and women, and centers for the care of strung-out souls, the old and the infirm must be established. Free legal services must be expanded. Survival needs, such as cash pads, free transportation, switchboards, free phones, and free food must be met. We support and encourage expansion of agencies such as YES, Women's Counseling Service, Poonell Corners, Free Store and Health Clinic, and the West Bank Proximity Center which have initiated needed services to the community. Their 'serve the people' attitude is an example for those who feel that activists are seldom in touch with themselves and people's needs.

9. WE WILL STRUGGLE FOR THE FULL LIBERATION OF WOMEN AS AN NECESSARY PART OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS.

While the material oppression of women varies in different classes, male supremacy pervades all social classes. We will resist this ideology and practice which oppresses all women. As we struggle to liberate ourselves, many of the problems of inequality, authoritarianism, and male chauvinism will be overcome.

We must end the economic and psychological oppression of women: job discrimination, the manipulation of women as consumers, and media exploitation of women as sexual objects.

We demand the full control of our own bodies and towards that end we support the efforts of groups such as Women's Counseling Service who are establishing free birth control, abortion, and other medical information. We will choose our own sexual partners. We will also eliminate the demeaning hustling scene which results from male chauvinism and false competition among men and women. We will resist all false concepts of chivalry and protectiveness, and develop self-reliance and the skills of concepts of chivalry and protectiveness, and develop self-reliance and the skills of self-defense. We recognize that female communes and independent organizations or collectives are established so that women who so choose can have this free space to develop themselves as human beings.

We must create an unfettered identity for women. We will abolish the stifling masculine and feminine roles that this society forces on us all. Women should no longer be defined in terms of others than themselves--by their relationship to men and children. Likewise, men should not be defined by their jobs or their distorted role as provider. We seek to develop whole human beings and to bring together the most free and beautiful aspects of women and men.

10. WE WILL ALSO STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF GAY PEOPLE AND THE REDEFINITION OF DOMINATE SEXUAL CONCEPTS

All of us want a world in which human beings are free to love without fear, or shame. Yet, most people characterize homosexuals as 'immoral,' 'perverted,' or 'maladjusted,'--in short, inferior to heterosexuals. We must reject the myth that homosexuals are in some way less than their fellow men and women.

Everyone should understand that homosexuality is not a hatred of the opposite sex; it is the capacity to love someone of the same sex. Many heterosexuals are unable to appreciate this fact because their own sexual attitudes are so confused. For instance, sex is aggression for the male chauvinist; while sex is obligation for the submissive women. Both gay and women's liberationists know that these warped attitudes are rooted in male domination of society.

In heterosexual dominated society, gay people are harassed in their meeting places at bars, baths and parks. Sometimes homosexuals are attacked and raped by people who consider themselves straight. More often, corporations, schools, government agencies, and even the draft system discriminate against--and thereby more subtly oppress--homosexuals. The media, for example, puts forth a false idealization of male/female relationships which identifies as 'queer' any non-conformist behavior. Heterosexual supremacy contributes to the environment of condemnation, suspicion, job discrimination, and legal harassment which stimulates anxiety and guilt in homosexuals.

Gay people must overcome self-hatred and be proud of their love for each other. While initially we should understand, forgive, and accept; ultimately the homosexual in everyone must be freed. Besides raising questions about sexual roles and moving to secure civil rights, gay people must initiate political activity and counter-community institutions. Action on many fronts must characterize the effort to 'come out,' reject passivity and develop a sense of pride in confronting society's prejudices which are maintained not by logic but by whispering and name-calling. Providing a strong alternative to 'queer' with all others to join the freaking flag revolution and come out of the closets and into the streets.

11. WE SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF BLACK, INDIAN, CHICANO, AND OTHER THIRD WORLD PEOPLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION.

For over 300 years white Amerika has brutalized black, brown, red and yellow people. We recognize the importance of ethnic study programs which assess that history. We also support these minorities' struggle to regain what is theirs and to control their own communities.

We fully support the Black Panther Party's struggle to carry out its 10 Point Program and other local organizations such as the Republic of the New People's Cooperative Union struggling to serve and protect their communities. We must explain the importance of these organizations to the white community. We must also avenge the deaths of heroes like Bobby Hutton, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark by working to free Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, Eric Huggins, and the countless other political prisoners in Amerika's jails.

We also support the American Indian Movement's claims on tribal lands and waters; its proposal for native American studies programs and schools; and its demands for better housing, medical care and services. Although the Bureau of Indian Affairs has a budget of \$500 million a year, it has simply paid the salaries of its own employees and has failed to supplement the annual income (\$1500) of the average Indian family. We therefore support the seizure of BIA offices and former Indian lands throughout the country. The U.S. government has failed to meet its obligations which are explicitly detailed in dozens of treaties. It should therefore immediately give economic aid to the 315 native American tribes in the form of massive reparations for the almost 2 billion acres of Indian land taken in conquest.

We likewise support those Chicanos (or Mexican-Americans) who have recently awakened to a new pride in la raza (the people) and have become more militant in their fight for la causa (the cause). From Caesar Chavez's leadership of the farm workers' grape strike to the Brown Berets' organizing of free clinics and street gangs in Los Angeles, Chicano activists have demonstrated the powerful force the barrios and migrant population can exercise. In Southern California, the Chicano movement has protested the mis-education, inadequate housing, unemployment, etc. of East Los Angeles. Likewise, Southwest Chicanos have demonstrated against agribusiness' low wages, Anglo discrimination and cultural dominance. They have reclaimed 'Aztlán' (the land of the North) in the Southwest which originally belonged to their Aztec forefathers before the gringos occupied and annexed what once was northern Mexico. Nationwide, the Chicano Moratorium Committee has heightened everyone's awareness about the 30% death rate which Mexican-Americans fighting in Vietnam suffer. Here in the Midwest Chicano activists need Anglo support in maintaining boycotts, migrant service projects, and public criticism of agribusiness and sugar-beet processors who conspire to keep farm workers on subsistence wage-levels.

12. WE SUPPORT THE FARMER'S FIGHT AGAINST RURAL POVERTY, GOVERNMENT SPONSORED COST PRICE SQUEEZES, CHAIN-WHOLESALE'S CONTROL, AND CORPORATE AGRIBUSINESS' EXPANSION.

It may surprise most people to know that there is more poverty in rural Amerika, proportionately, than in our cities. Contrary to popular impression, all the rural poor do not live on farms, nor are all of them blacks and indians. Most are white, and live in small towns. They are largely unorganized and live a life of quiet desperation, depending on dribbles of relief and an occasional job. Many are on such poor land that they cannot possibly survive as farmers and must work for larger farmers. Even the middle-class commercial farmer is suffering from the exorbitant price of machinery and high-interest loans. Most farmers are adversely affected by the requirements of large-scale, single-cropping and the expanding control of chain-wholesalers and middlemen. Farmers are justifiably angry because farm prices are set by government agencies and federal subsidies don't make up the balance. Meanwhile a few corporate or bonanza type farms enjoy inflated government payments while the majority of farmers are caught in a cost price squeeze. If present trends continue within a decade most of the best farm land in the country will be in the hands of a few corporations such as General Electric and Dow Chemical. In the meantime, rural Amerika's population will have continued to migrate to the cities. Little will be done to stimulate rural rehabilitation and reconstruction which could counteract urban overpopulation and demands for already scarce food products and natural resources.

Many of the low income subsistence farmers could become economically viable with training and low interest loans. But instead the Farm Security Administration which was established to serve that kind of function ignores the black share-cropper and provides recreational loans for segregated golf courses in rural Southern towns. We believe that those rural poor who live in towns without land tenure or any kind of need land, a guaranteed income and job training if they are to emerge from the cycle of poverty. We also believe the present efforts of the Nixon administration to put farm prices on a free market basis and its policies of flexing farm prices downward are not in the interests of most farmers. We support demands by farmers for collective bargaining arrangements for setting farm prices. In the past, politicians of both parties have not protested the dropping of support levels because their close political supporters in the cities are the exporters and processors who profit from low farm prices. The rural poor must no longer suffer the immiseration of basic human needs while government pays billions to agribusiness to take millions of acres of soil out of production. We demand that tax write-offs which bring large payments to corporation farms be ended.

13. WE WILL TAX THE CORPORATIONS, NOT THE WORKING PEOPLE.

Every day, the American capitalist economy appears more unstable: inflation increases, recessions grow, major corporations layoff skilled workers, unemployment increases, national industries go bankrupt, and the stock quotations fluctuate downward. It is time we stop listening to the economists who tell us that everything is alright and advocate subsidizing the rich through wage contracts, tax breaks and investment credits with the vain claim that a bigger economic pie will mean more pie for everyone. It hasn't worked out that way; we are paying more for pie than ever before.

While the boom of the '60's pushed corporate profits higher and higher, working Americans have been caught in a bind by inflation. Despite wage 'increases' won through strikes in the past five years, the real weekly income of the average working American has dropped. Besides bearing the brunt of inflation, as the power of finance capital grows in this country the cost of government programs has shifted progressively onto the shoulders of wage-earners. At the beginning of World War II workers paid 45% of the federal taxes, but in 1970 68% of the federal revenue dollar will come out of the workers' pocket. While corporate profits go up and corporate taxes go down, the Nixon administration urges bosses to hold the line against wage

demands in order to force a slowdown of the economy. Meanwhile, Washington is setting the stage for a full-scale repression of the labor movement by demanding strike-breaking legislative measures, by discouraging inflationary wage demands and by investigating ways to boost productivity through speed-ups and automation.

In the meantime, corporations continue to dodge taxes on their profits and increase inflated prices which already burden the consuming public. We believe the American people cannot tolerate escalating taxes which are wasted in policing the world while businessmen are permitted to expand their profits in the midst of desperate social need and rising unemployment. During this period of war and inflation, people making moderate (\$10,000) or lower incomes should not pay any taxes on food, clothing, property worth less than \$30,000, or other essentials. The entire tax burden must be shifted to the rich and to the corporations who profit from war production, layoffs, speedups, and price hikes.

The city-based tax-payer has understandably revolted against higher property taxes on his or her home. The taxes are usually regressive and bear no close relation to income levels. State and local communities should abolish these taxes on middle-lower income tax-payers and insist that their local revenues be replaced through federal tax sharing. This could be done if the federal government would move to close loop-holes, eliminate tax write-offs and end investment credits for corporations and the wealthy. It should likewise end subsidies to aerospace boondoggles like the ABM missile program which will add nothing to our defense and the new supersonic transport planes and bombers which will serve only a few and contribute more exhaust and noise to our already polluted city skies. If the federal government ended this subsidizing of the rich; it could perhaps justifiably insist that local governments renew truly equitable real estate taxes.

It would be ideal if heavy taxes on corporate profits and the rich could be used to promote public programs to provide care and jobs for demobilized soldiers, rebuild cities and public transportation systems, to impose pollution controls, and, of course, to fight poverty. But if, as we suspect, corporate circles and their supporters in government fail to meet these urgent demands for reordered priorities; we believe that the people are justified in moving on their own to right these economic inequities; whether this be by strike for bread & butter wage demands or longer-range demands for control of their own production. For instance, war corporations like Honeywell should stop weapons production, and, under worker-community control, reorganize for production beneficial to people's needs. Minneapolis-St. Paul and the whole Northcountry cannot be changed without confronting the banks, insurance companies, industries, railroads that together dominate the area. Working Americans need relief from taxation, inflation, and bureaucratic decision-making. They need everyone's support in their struggle for higher wages, better conditions and ultimate control over production.

14. WE WILL ORGANIZE TO STOP REPRESSION AND DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST 'LAW AND ORDER'.

We have learned during recent years that Amerika's rulers, faced with the erosion of their illegitimate authority, begin to take on the grotesque qualities of a fascist state based on pure police power. In the past, the labor and civil rights movements have been subject to legal and police harassment and control. States of emergency, martial law, conspiracy and sabotage charges, campus expulsions and other legalistic measures such as preventive detention, no-knock and wire-tapping legislation now used to crush our movement will be resisted by any means necessary—from court room to armed struggle. We must learn the basic skills and tactics of self-defense and when necessary arm ourselves for self-defense. We will only respect policemen who sincerely want to protect and serve the people, and therefore refuse to act like pigs, set loose by their and our rulers. We support all insurgent movements inside Amerika's prisons which demand better conditions, higher wages, etc. All oppressed people in jail are political prisoners and must be set free. We will try to bring the real criminals to trial and prohibit Amerika's rulers from imposing the kind of 'law and order' which Hitler brought to Germany in 1932.

15. WE OPPOSE NIXON'S EXPANSION OF THE WAR IN INDOCHINA AND WILL RENEW OUR DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA.

The 1968 Tet Offensive forced the Johnson administration to face the fact that its open-ended escalation and bombing of North Vietnam had completely failed in its objective of bringing North Vietnam and the guerrilla forces of the National Liberation Front to their knees. But the Johnson administration was unwilling to set in motion policies for ending the war, to begin a rapid and definitive withdrawal of an American forces from Vietnam. Instead the Johnson administration left the Vietnam problem to its successor.

It has become clear since the Nixon administration took office that it never seriously considered totally withdrawing from Vietnam and that delusions of an American victory again have become the goal of Washington's Southeast Asian policies. Under Nixon, 'Vietnamization' emerges as a policy not to turn over to Saigon a war it cannot fight, but rather a mask for prolonging U.S. intervention. Nixon has recently admitted in televised speeches that his administration is acting on the premise that the Vietnamese guerrilla resistance will be worn down by a protracted war. Meanwhile, the war has spread to the whole of Indochina and escalation becomes an inevitability as the Pentagon stakes out new battlegrounds in Southeast Asia. Although newsmen acknowledge that most of the Indochinese countryside is now under guerrilla control, Nixon and his Pentagon advisors continue to ignore the handwriting on the wall.

The next few months are crucial in Nixon's deciding how far to go in his no-defeat policy. Even though he is making a public show of renewed interest in the Paris peace talks, Nixon has resumed the bombing of the North and expanded his military support of reactionary regimes in Laos and Cambodia. Nixon's desperate search for quick victories to offset the general deterioration of the situation may eventually lead him to the few options that Pentagon strategists have left open: bombing Hanoi-Haiphong, using more American troops or even tactical nuclear weapons to protect besieged Phnom Penh and Saigon, and/or sending American troops back into Cambodia, Laos and maybe even North Vietnam.

The implications for the American movement should be clear: our immediate task is to build a strong sustained opposition to the war that demands immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Indochina as the only alternative to eventual escalation. This must be more than the force of reaction after the fact, as in Cambodia. We must act to deter Nixon by organizing new sectors of the American people into active opposition to government policies. In the next few months, we should create a variety of forms of action that bring all concerned people into the struggle against the war. We must also renew our public information campaign on the details of the war, about the nature of the liberation forces, about American imperialism throughout the world, and about socialism in North Vietnam and elsewhere. Nixon has been able to guile Americans into believing the war might end, because we have not educated ourselves and others about what is really happening.

16. WE WILL RESIST THE DRAFT AND SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS IN THE G.I. MOVEMENT WHO DISSENT AGAINST THE WAR & RACISM.

The draft is a form of involuntary servitude which today channels young men toward eventually being drafted into fighting a war which no one but Amerika's rulers want. We oppose the draft, demand its abolition, and urge all young men to resist it by any means necessary. We recognize the importance of draft counseling which informs all men of their rights and legal defense for those facing prosecution in the courts. We urge support for such services. Support is also due those conscientious young men who have been imprisoned for noncooperation and also those who have been forced to flee from this country or go underground. We demand amnesty for all these men. We support attacks on the Selective Service System, especially those of the Beaver 55 and the Minneapolis 8. The real crime against our country and mankind is not their burning and destruction of draft records, but the existence of such documents. Some property has no right to exist and consequently, at times, in order to save human lives and slow down the war machine, the people must resort to destruction of such property.

We likewise support those G.I.s inside the military who are opposed to the war, discrimination in the services, and the brass' privileged position. We urge support

for the G.I. coffee-house movement, insurgent G.I. newspapers, civil rights demands and protests against stockade conditions. Similarly, we welcome the growth of Veterans for Peace organizations throughout the country. Vietnam veterans especially have knowledge, skills and talents of utmost importance to the movement. We join dissenting G.I.s in the military and its stockades, as well as those vets for peace who have experienced the brutality of Amerika's involvement in Vietnam, when they say FTA.

17. WE WILL FIGHT THE RACIST / IMPERIALIST / CAPITALIST SYSTEM, SHOW WORKING AMERICANS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM IS THEIRS AS WELL, AND UNITE WITH OTHER REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO WIN!

The Northcountry cannot be free until Amerika is free and Amerika cannot be free until the Third World is free. We must move to weaken the American military and government's capacity and will to wage wars against our brothers and sisters in the emerging Third World. Amerika must give up the economic system that requires exploitation of Third World people and their lands—as well as the extreme taxation and conscription of her own people. We have the material base to provide a decent standard of living to all Americans and help do the same for the rest of the world. It is primarily monopoly capitalism, the organization of production for profit of a few rather than to satisfy the needs of all men and women, that forces the wealth of our economy to depend upon the exploitation of poor people abroad and working Americans at home.

We will resist the power of the Pentagon and oppose all institutions (whether the Selective Service, CIA, ROTC, etc) that train men to support imperialist interventions in the Third World. When necessary, we will go beyond resistance to bring the international war home by engaging in actions that disrupt the business as usual attitude of corporate Amerika. At the same time, we must break through the racism and phoney patriotism that permeates mainstream Amerika and demonstrate to the people that the same group that oppresses the Vietnamese and American blacks also exploits them, fosters racism, destroys the environment, and makes life a bummer for everyone.

We must not simply symbolically display our support of the Vietnamese, Cubans, and other Third World revolutionaries. We must inform the American people of the programs for which our brothers and sisters in the National Liberation Front, in the Cuban revolution, and the Black Panther Party (for example) are so heroically fighting. We should also connect these socialist alternatives to white Americans' demands for direct participation of the people in governing their society's affairs. A second American revolution is already underway. In reaction to unresponsive, repressive government, people are moving to fulfill their own needs and liberation. Increasingly, they are ignoring elections involving trivial issues and self-seeking personalities to organize for themselves. Someday, a decentralized government of neighborhood groups, workers councils, student unions, and other people-based organizations and sub-cultures will prove that self-management serves people's needs better than the illegitimate authority of government bureaucracies and corporate capitalism.

18. WE MUST CHANGE OURSELVES INTO MORE LOVING AND COMMITTED HUMAN BEINGS AND CREATE A SOULFUL SOCIALISM IN THE U.S.A.

The revolution is about our lives. We will fight against the dominating life style of affluence, selfishness and social apathy—and also against the self-indulgent individualism which masquerades as 'doing your own thing.' We will find new ways to take care of each other as brothers and sisters. We will experiment with new ways of living together such as communal families in which problems such as housekeeping, income, and childcare are mutually shared. We will struggle against the stifling elitism, egoism and sectarianism which often turns people away from the movement and creates organizational weakness within it. We believe in organization which seeks to release energy instead of channel or curb it; leadership based on moral and political example rather than on manipulation of mass movements.

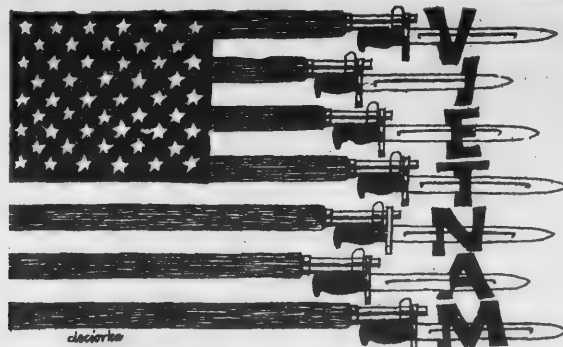
WE CALL ON ALL SISTERS AND BROTHERS TO FORM COLLECTIVES, COMMUNES, AND LIBERATION COMMITTEES TO CARRY OUT THE STRUGGLE IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

We have just begun to develop ongoing groups that will enable us to survive a protracted struggle with the American death-tripping establishment. Until recently, the movement has come together in crisis after crisis, throwing up ad hoc committee after ad hoc committee. Now, we must evolve closely-knit groups that are able to organize and act together to create change. These micro-units of socialism should be small democratic but disciplined working groups of people able to trust each other.

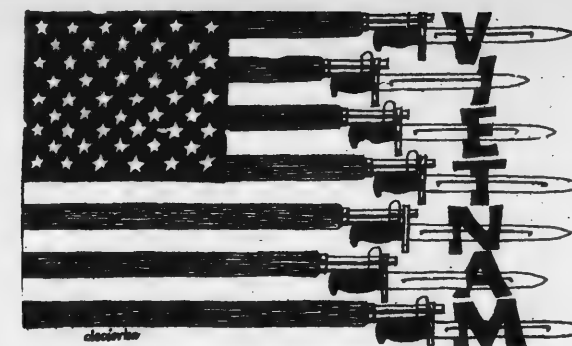
They should be—at the same time—a loose and a tight organization. They must be loose in that their members relate to each other as friends/comrades and not as members of a temporary work committee or anonymous member of a mass organization. They should be tight in that their members can work closely with each other, coordinate and direct their efforts, create and take on whole projects or carry out long-term struggles. Each member of a collective should get a chance to develop his or her ideas through comradely discussions and direct involvement in making decisions on the activity of the group. Collectives can also help fill the vital self-defense needs of their members, especially in confrontational situations. Collectives living together will not only politically oppose the system but will begin to alter their ego-centered life-styles.

Within time, these groups—communes, collectives and cadres—should come together to form a network of communication and coordination within the Twin Cities and throughout the whole Northcountry. All forms of secretariat or bureaucracy should be resisted. Perhaps a revolutionary or tribal council (whatever) should be created where collectives could get together periodically to exchange ideas and information. What work there is could be done by assigning it to a rotating group of collectives or a temporary work group. Such organization would allow a diverse range of emphases and yet still enable everyone to unify for city-wide actions. It would also overcome the hierarchical structures, chains of command and steering committees which have often tended to limit and even 'cool' new peoples' impulse to act against social injustice and for revolutionary alternatives.

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u.s. withdraws from cambodia but not from the war



PARIS (LNS) -- America's two-month invasion of Cambodia was a disastrous failure.

Historians may describe it as the beginning of Washington's Dien Bien Phu -- the famous battle of 1954 which symbolized French defeat in Indochina.

President Nixon has called the U.S. - Saigon invasion a success. He said it "saved American lives and shortened the war." He insisted it put pressure on the peace-talk delegations of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) and the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam to accept the U.S. negotiating terms.

Each of these claims is an incredible distortion of reality.

"Success?" If destroying a few million bowls of rice and wiping out hundreds of villages is a military triumph, the operation was indeed a success. If the military and political situation in Cambodia as the last U.S. troops pulled back to Vietnam is the criterion, however, the invasion was a costly and foolhardy adventure. Troops of the National United Front of Cambodia (NUF) are circling Phnom Penh. They roam at will over much of the countryside. Supply lines have been reconstituted. Most important, if the Cambodian masses didn't realize it before the invasion they now realize their salvation lies with the NUF and not with the fraudulent Lon Nol regime which is presiding over the destruction of its own country and people.

"Saved American lives and shortened the war?" This is the biggest fabrication of all. By engineering the coup against Cambodian head of state Norodom Sihanouk, followed by the invasion, the U.S. welded the liberation forces of Vietnam, Cambodia, and the DRV into one military bloc with China as its back yard. If the U.S. could not win a decade-long war against the liberation forces of South Vietnam how does it expect to win against the NUF in Cambodia and the Laotian Patriotic Front in Laos at the same time? How could this possibly save lives and shorten the war for the U.S.?

"Increased pressure at the peace talks?" The talks hardly exist any longer due to the invasion since both the DRV and PRG regarded the Cambodian adventure as the manifestation par excellence of Washington's contempt for negotiations.

The sum effect of the invasion is that Nixon dramatically expanded the war, presumably on some extraordinarily bad advice from the Pentagon, which probably assured him the Cambodian liberation forces would crumble. Lon Nol's tottering regime would be saved, that the PRG would evaporate once its "sanctuaries" were uprooted and that it would enhance a military axis of Saigon, Phnom Penh, Vientiane and Bangkok in line with Nixon's policy of substituting Asian dead for U.S. dead in Indochina.

Domestic pressure at home forced Nixon to observe a two-month deadline for the removal of U.S. But the invasion has apparently earned the U.S. government the "right" to subsidize Saigon's continuing invasion, to continue strategic and tactical bombing of Cambodia by U.S. planes and to invest huge sums in money and arms in the Phom Penh regime.

Nixon may succeed in having Asians fight Asians but it is hardly likely Washington's Asians will be able to hold out for long without increased funding, arms, air support and, ultimately ground troops from the U.S.

The war has been lengthened, not shortened. More, not less, U.S. lives will be lost.

As for the effect on the Paris talks, DRV delegation Chief Xuan Thuy has left Paris and returned to Hanoi. The head of the PRG-NLF delegation, Nguyen Thi Binh, has left Paris for her jungle headquarters in South Vietnam where she will exercise her functions as Foreign Minister. It will be difficult to get them back in a hurry especially those from the PRG-NLF.

Why have the leaders of the PRG and DRV delegations turned their backs on the Paris talks? Because for them the Cambodian invasion was the absolute final proof of Nixon's disinterest in a negotiated settlement. It was the confirmation of what they had officially

suspected since Nixon took office -- Nixon's goal is to achieve a military victory or at least a situation from which the U.S. delegation could negotiate from a position of strength.

In fact, the American negotiating position in Paris has never been weaker than at this moment. Even if the Cambodian operation had really been the military success Nixon and his apologists claim, it could only have had a negative effect on the negotiations.

Nixon thinks in terms of the 1970 mid-term elections and at the furthest in terms of the 1972 presidential elections. The Vietnamese are thinking in terms of a 2000-year struggle for the complete independence of their country. They are thinking in terms of the life of their nation, not of a temporary election victory. They will never give up fighting or negotiating -- or just fighting -- as long as there is a single foreign soldier on their soil with hostile intent. They are used to setbacks, to zigzags and zags inevitable in the struggle between a small technically backward nation and the world's mightiest imperialist power. They have had similar problems throughout their history. And history justifies them in being confident of the outcome.

Thousands of peasants have been murdered by U.S.-Saigon firepower. Untold individuals have been bru-

talized and tortured. Hundreds of thousands have been made homeless or will be in a short while. "Sanctuaries" -- often Cambodian villages -- have been wiped out in frontier areas and poisonous substances have been scattered about to insure they will not be reoccupied. Farms and crops are routinely destroyed. Over 100,000 Vietnamese residents of Cambodia have been rounded up and locked in unsanitary, crowded concentration camps. The politically suspect have been murdered. The country is under absolute dictatorial command. And every day giant B-52 bombers take to the air to further the destruction.

In exchange for that, there is this description of the situation in Cambodia reported in Le Monde of June 30: "Sihanouk's men (NUF) totally control the provinces of Ratanakin, Mondulhiri, Stung Treng and Kratie [bordering Laos and most of the frontier with South Vietnam] and the Mekong valley. They occupy the greater part of the provinces of Siem Reap, Kompong Thom, Kompot and the coast from the Gulf of Siam to Kompong Som, the former Sihanoukville..."

And as for the situation in Phnom Penh itself, Le Monde continued: "Phnom Penh is encircled. There are patrols of 'Khmer Serei' mercenaries trained [by the U.S.] in Thailand and South Vietnam who will obey no one, not even Lon Nol, reputed though he is for his brutality...."

The Cambodian countryside is

becoming a vast ruin.

French and Cambodian rubber plantations and their processing installations have been napalmed out of existence by B-52's -- reputedly to enhance U.S., Saigon and Malaysian rubber interests. Major provincial capitals have been reduced to rubble and ashes. All communications with Phnom Penh are cut. A vigorous Cambodian resistance movement is gathering strength from day to day, having jumped the classic stages of people's war to reach that of the encirclement of towns, due to the support, experience, arms, cadres and solid bases from their Vietnamese and Laotian allies.

These are some of the real results of Nixon's Cambodian adventure. Not to mention the unstemmed advance of the Pathet Lao forces Laos, especially in the areas bordering on the old liberated areas in South Vietnam and the newly liberated areas in Cambodia.

Vietnam is no longer alone on the battlefield. The withdrawal of U.S. ground troops from Cambodia does not affect the fact that the overall military strength of the U.S. and its satellites and puppets in Indochina is now dispersed and diluted. Even intensified air activity cannot influence the military situation. U.S. air power can destroy, but ground troops of the U.S. and its allies cannot occupy and hold territory. Neither in Laos, Cambodia, nor Vietnam.

by Wilfred Burchett

americans in paris: a trip to reality



Farmer, dentist, electrician, stockbroker, secretary--in all, 30 people ranging in age from 19 to 70, black, white and Japanese-American, a racial, religious and occupational cross-section of American society, went to Paris at the end of June to ask the Vietnamese what peaceful solution is possible to the war in Vietnam.

The People's Commission of Inquiry into the Solution to the War in Vietnam--basically a Minnesota project, with additions from Boston, Cleveland, Madison and California--was very cordially received by the delegations of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (the faceless Vietcong, that is) and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam ("Hanoi" to the commercial press).

The "Vietcong" were especially warm and relaxed with us. Women play a prominent role in their delegation, as in their whole liberation struggle. One reason for this seems to be that women have a certain moral authority--the

phrase sounds ridiculous in American, but means something in Vietnamese.

They answered all our questions with candor and even humor, allowed us to tape the conversations and take photos, showed us films, shared a buffet in the rose garden, served us champagne, gave us what we had come for: the solution to the war in Vietnam.

It's simple, and it makes sense. All the United States has to do is pick up all its war toys, its soldiers, bombers, napalm, chemical defoliants, etc., and leave Vietnam to the Vietnamese. They will roll out the red carpet for our departure, send us on our way with songs and flowers; if we haven't enough ships, they will happily lend us their sampans.

What is there to argue about?

Words...The American negotiators group words together to gloat over: "See, we Americans are the ones who really care about Vietnamese freedom and independence. (Chuckle). The real foreigners in Vietnam are the Vietnamese. (Haw

haw)." You better believe it or we'll bomb hell out of you. To the American negotiating team, words are an extension of fragmentation bombs and napalm. They admonish the "reds" to be "realistic": recognize that might is right.

To the Vietnamese in Paris, words are a distillation of the passionate sense of justice that comes from a terrible experience of injustice. They do not speak to our fears but to our sense of what is right. They are so civilized that they truly believe that the American people, deceived as they have been by their government, have a sense of justice that can be appealed to. When else in history has a people so brutally assaulted risen above the temptation to hate the people of the nation assaulting them? The Vietnamese are too civilized to hate us: they know, perhaps better than we, how much we have been fooled by our rulers; they know, better than we, that decency and humanity are not yet dead in America.

That is why we were all so moved by the hospitality and warmth of the Vietnamese. Not because we are naive provincials taken in by Asian charm, but because we understood the image of humanity implied in that hospitality.

We are having trouble putting our experience into words. Because in Washington there are phony men who use the same words we must use--peace, freedom, independence--as an extension of the Big Stick which is their only contact with reality. They buy a few phony men in Saigon and train them to use the same words--peace, freedom, independence--while they and their wives make a killing off the PX.

This is hard to say, but the point about our trip is that we were real Americans meeting real Vietnamese. It was all so simple. But the web of lies is so thick around America that perhaps more such trips are needed for Americans to find reality--their own and the world's.

--Diana Johnstone



Thoreau said, "One farmer says to me, 'You cannot live on vegetable food solely, for it furnishes nothing to make bones with'; walking all the while he talks behind his oxen, which with vegetable made bones, jerk him and his plow along."

There's enough edible vegetation in the woods to keep you alive and well indefinitely. All the necessities are free. Dandelions, of course, make great wine. Many people really like dandelion greens in salads when the plant is young and boiled just enough to become tender if the plant is older. The dandelion fluid tends to be bitter. Some people like it that way and others don't. To remove the bitter taste from dandelion greens, discard the water that you boil them in and finish off the boiling with fresh water. Dandelions are a member of the chicory family and as such are good as a coffee substitute. To

make dandelion coffee, gather a pan of roots, dry them in an oven or over a fire until they are dry and shriveled, grind them up, and use as you would regular coffee.

Birch trees offer a whole line of good things to eat. They can be tapped for syrup just like maples. Bore a hole into the tree and collect the sap that runs out in a bucket. The sap must then be boiled for a long time and a lot of steam got out. What remains is not real thick but tastes good. It can be used for good nourishment in an emergency or just whenever you'd like some good natural syrup. When you're done dapping the trees whittle a plug for the hole and drive it in to keep the tree healthy.

People and birches seem to get along well in all sorts of ways.

The cambium, just inside the inner bark, is tender, sweet, and very sustaining. There are lots of

true stories of people who have been lost in the woods and would have starved were it not for this part of the tree. It is good eating raw and can be sliced into lengths or chopped up for use in soups and stews. It retains its value as a spice when dried.

Young birch leaves and twigs and make a fine tea that tastes something like wintergreen. All these virtues emphasize that the birch is not to be destroyed for frivolous use of the bark. The dry outer bark that can be pulled off harmlessly with your hands is one the best natural fire starting materials. In emergency situations large sections of the bark can be used for water-proofing, utensils, shelter and clothing, but it should be remembered that stripping great sections ultimately destroys the tree.

Ralph

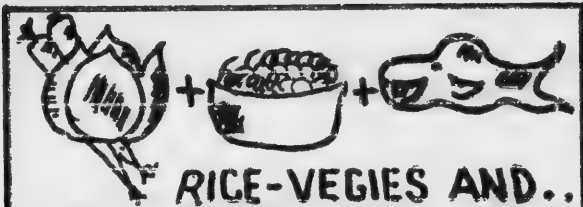
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"Perhaps we'd rather explain it as an evolution. Let's drop the 'r' and call it an evolution, an evolution of consciousness -- that might be more acceptable. However, you choose to describe it, I think it's the important reality here on this planet at this time.... We agree that quality must permeate every aspect of life, or there will be no more life....

You know, I talk a lot about revolution, internal revolution, spiritual revolution. I'm a very peaceful man, though. Please don't let me frighten you.

"Well, If I think I must frighten you in order to get you to take action, I will do that too. I think the action we can take here together should be within this specialized field that we're all commonly interested in, that of the food that we all eat every day, and some of us sell and some of us grow, and that some of us do both with.... There's no telling how far or fast this 'internal' revolution will move, but I wouldn't be surprised to see organic foods capture up to 40 percent of the total national market within five years.

FRED ROHE



GARDEN VEGETABLES for brown rice

Saute 4-8 cups vegetables in oil.. Meanwhile, in another pan make sauce.

2 T. oil 1 T. flour

Heat oil. Then add flour. Cook and stir few minutes until it starts to bubble.

1/4 c. miso or soy sauce 1/2 c. water Mix miso and water. Add to flour mixture. Stir and cook few minutes until thick.

Mix vegetables and sauce, simmer 5 minutes.

FISH OR MEAT AND VEGETABLES

Saute 1 lb. cut up fish in oil.. Pour off 2 T. juice from fish Add vegetables to fish & continue cooking. Then make sauce as above using juice instead of oil. Combine sauce, fish and vegetables & simmer 5 minutes. enjoy!

Good vegetables and spices to use are garlic, seaweed, mushrooms, dill, chinese cabbage, peapods, zucchini...

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First of all, around 1967, at the height of acid dropping in San Francisco it was noted that large numbers of freaks receiving Thorazine for their bummers became even more bummed. It became apparent that people whose trip was confused and delusional sometimes be-

came worse when Thorazine, which can readily cloud and scramble any one at high intramuscular doses, was administered. Over the past few years this pattern has repeated itself and today there are many physicians that are very reluctant to use it at all for trip terminators.

An additional uncertainty factor is thrown in when the identity of the original psychedelic is uncertain. Many drugs (i.e. belladonna, alkaloids, stramonium phenylcyclidine, impure street STP etc.) possess dangerous side effects which are potentiated by Thorazine. Situations have arisen in which in-

dividuals have died from respiratory depression after taking Thorazine on top of one of the other items.

The best treatment for a bad trip still seems to be an intelligent "talk down." This is considered by some psychiatrists as a procedure that street people can, with a little training, do extremely well. If you have a buddy you can not bring down, phone YES or Pharm House and let them help. In most cases it is the safest and best way to end a bad trip.



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Blodwyn Pig



Sunday: Ears still ringing and a bit exhausted after the day long music fest, we hitched on over to the Depot and its lack of air conditioning in time to catch Blodwyn Pig's second set. Expecting to doze through it all, we promptly were met by the most invigorating music of the day.

Mick Abrahams, founder of and former lead guitar for Jethro Tull, and Jack Lancaster, the Roland Kirk of rock, came right down incredibly strong in the first song "It's Only Love." Abrahams immediately established himself not only as one of the strongest, most driving of hard rock guitarists, but also one of the purest vocalists North Country has heard. Totally unhampered by gimmicks, Abrahams projects an amazingly smooth, full song. On record in this song

Lancaster overdubs the horns. Live, he blows his "blodwyn horn" and sax simultaneously and sounds like the whole bloody brass section. And this wasn't a gimmick either. He fills the shoes of two men, nay five men (he also played violin, flute, and alto sax besides the tenor and "blodwyn") at least competently.

Working with the drummer and bassist (whose names we missed) they managed unimprovable tightness in their arrangements all night. Most of the set fit into the same hard, jazzy mold of the first song, but Abrahams and Lancaster occasionally would join in some fluid, bluesy ballads, with Abrahams on acoustic guitar.

Despite obvious exhaustion, the audience demanded an encore of Blodwyn Pig and met it with the long ovation they deserved.

Monday was something else altogether. Blodwyn Pig wasn't advertised, nor were they expected Monday night when the usual wine-and-beer night crowd showed up. The result was disaster.

Perhaps had there been more than the few squatters on the lower stage in anticipation of the band there never would have been room for the naive kids that welcomed Blodwyn Pig with their discotheque dances and unceasing chatter. To make matters worse some jack-ass announcer from the balcony commanded the sitters to disperse after the first song. Minneapolis has traditionally gushed over the "stars" that have come here, but the lack of respect that Blodwyn Pig received was ridiculous. And that's not all...

Jack Lancaster was just getting into his first tenor solo about twenty minutes into the set and the audience was forced to shut up for the first time of the evening...dancing had slowed to a standstill and Lancaster was just getting pretty. What happened? It turned out that not only was the noise obstructing the music, but someone was playing a record up in the balcony! Needless to say Blodwyn Pig walked out.

Afterwards, we had the opportunity to speak with Abrahams:

H.F: If we can put ourselves in a position to, we'd like to apologize for what happened tonight. This audience is really very square.

ABE: They weren't square, they were idiots. Were you listening to my lyrics? I was layin' it on em man, tellin' em where to go. The whole thing was just unbelievable, the people dancing and talking and that stupid bloke who turned on the record!

H.F: Probably the same dude that made us get off the floor after the first song so the kids could dance.

ABE: Yeah, they blew it for the few that were really listening. We couldn't play shit tonight.

H.F: I guess that doesn't help Minneapolis' reputation....

ABE: Oh it doesn't hurt it. Last night was really quite good, we all thought so.

H.F: You don't make very much money do you?

ABE: No, all we ask is a decent wage and enough to keep us in beer.

H.F: How do you feel about your new album?

ABE: I'm pretty pleased with it. A lot more than the first anyway.

H.F: Oh? The first had some real pretties on it. What do you think of when all those people rush the stage?

ABE: It scares the hell out of me.

H.F: Where do you like to play the best? Which audiences do you prefer?

ABE: New York. Fillmore East is best. We played in a little place in Maryland that was great. San Francisco is shit.

H.F: About Jethro Tull. I haven't heard that they've regressed since you split but you sure had a lot to do with the success of the first album. Where did Jethro Tull come from?

ABE: I started them. I used to be in a band with Jethro's Clive Bunker and our bass player, and Anderson was in "Ian Anderson's Bag of Blues." None of us had really gone anywhere.

This is the third band that I've been playing "Cat's Squirrel" with, and we play it most every night.

H.F: Just what did cause you to split from Tull? Did Ian Anderson find you too much of a rival?

ABE: Yeah. That's it mainly. Actually it was the manager's idea. I was sacked. Everybody thought we

hated each other but it wasn't the case. We got along pretty well. But he thought I was wierd and I thought he was wierd.

He wasn't wierd though in the sense that everybody thought he was. He'd make all those crazy faces and leg movements when he was playing his flute and everybody thought he was some kind of wasted speed freak—acid freak, but nothing was further from the truth.

He was really quite funny. I remember one time he came on stage with a hot water bottle and none of us could figure out what he was going to do with it, if he was going to squirt us or something. Then in the middle of the concert he took these paper cups out of his raincoat pocket and poured us each a cup of tea. He and I were just different that's all.

H.F: It's all very romantic and all, Blodwyn Pig running around the country playing for pennies, travelling with their wives, driving instead of flying... the band being so good it's like you're still doing the rags in a rags-to-riches story

ABE: It's not all like that really. I'm scared to death of flying. I rode on one of those big things from N.Y. to Chicago and it damn near frightened me pants off. After this tour is finished we'll be taking a boat home.

H.F: And then?

ABE: We'll start recording about four weeks after we're home. All we're planning on now is the new Isle of Wight Festival in late August.

—THOMAS LINE



Well, gang, lots of real keen things have been happening since the last time we rapped out from this corner.

We got a house, a thirty-year mortgage (we're still discussing how much of it we'll pay), in the heart of South Minneapolis. All the people who live at the house work on the paper; we are a working collective.

For the past four weeks we have formalized our method of operation. That is, decisions about copy and production have been the responsibility of a Central Committee. The Central Committee was chosen in a manner which perhaps characterizes the total openness and political ambiguity of developing revolutionary consciousness: anyone who worked on the paper for at least one week was invited to join the Central Committee.

All copy for the paper had to be read and approved by three members of the Central Committee before it could be included in an issue. This was merely formalizing a matter of courtesy. Since the Central Committee was merely the group of people most permanently concerned about there being an alternative press in North Country, and since they were the ones who spent the time to put it out, it seemed only right that these people should share with each other the responsibility for what gets said in the newspaper.

Of the nine members of the Central Committee, three did not live in the Staff House. Of these three, one has dropped out and gone to California. The remaining eight still work diligently on every issue, and they are assisted by a host of helpful comrades.

We have kept the same printer for the last four issues--almost a new record. He has agreed to print us if we do not use certain "naughty" words. This is a drag, but we had been having discussions for four weeks previous to the printer's request about toning down our language. Once in a while it was effective, but it got to be too much. We do not like having any limits on what we say, but for the time-being we are gratefully cooling our heels.

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Kim Agnew, 14-year-old daughter of the Vice President will represent Nixon July 25th at a New Mexico Indian ceremony. The Taos Pueblo Indians invited Kim after Nixon expressed full support for pending legislation to restore 48,000 acres of land near Blue Lake, N. M., to the tribe. Miss Agnew, you will remember, was involved in a marijuana bust last fall. **Should be a nice trip.**

COMMUNITY COLLECTS ON ROCK FESTIVAL

New York (LNS)

Randall's Island, just outside of El Barrio, Manhattan's expansive Puerto Rican ghetto, was the site of a three day rock festival July 18-19.

This festival was one of a growing number of festivals in which the community was able to get back part of the profits.

The people of El Barrio, together with the Young Lords, united with white radicals from RYP (Revolutionary Youth Party) Commune successfully negotiated with the promoters so a portion of the festivals profits (tens of thousands of dollars) were returned to the Puerto Rican and youth culture community (the Young Lords and a broad assortment of radical groups in New York).

A spokesman for the promoters, Brave New World Productions Inc. said: "This is the only way that large music festivals can go on. The music business and products must relate to the politics of the youth culture!"

The RYP Commune issued a statement pointing out that "...rock festivals expose capitalism's contradictions; either the promoters are responsible to our people or else their rock festivals won't happen."

Denis Oliver, Minister of Finance for the Young Lords said: "Whereas before it was a money-making affair, it is now a people's affair without the usual exploitation by rock festivals of people, culture, and land."

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result could be interesting. Their subject matter is basically the same and their styles are quite compatible. We look forward to their collaboration.

When they were finished, the main drama began. Chet and Ken were smooth and mellow, as always. They presented a beautiful series of motions for dismissal, and entered pleas of "Not guilty, if necessary," on behalf of twelve clients.

Then Vavreck hit the morning's comic peak when he allowed that he didn't have written complaints against the two remaining defendants - these were bit players, accused of wanting to eat dinner and attempting to cross the street - and provoked the judge to petulance. The charges against the bit players were dropped, and Judge Lommen showed himself to be a real trooper when he modulated his sulks to belligerence, and in a broad aside informed the audience that of course these guys could be picked up any time Vavreck did file the complaints.

The next act will be a closet drama, in which Chet and Ken will argue their motions for dismissal of the complaints on many grounds: unconstitutionality of the city ordinances, vagueness and nonspecificity of the charges, and innocence of the accused. Critics who have long experience with this theatrical form maintain that the motions will not be allowed, and that trial dates will be set.

On the whole, this reviewer finds "The Oppression" valueless. The setting, in criminal court (which is antiquated but not funky), confines the action too stringently, and is generally bad for the head. The

language is archaic, the stage business is repetitive and largely unintelligible to the audience, and all the talent is on the side of "Dissent." If our adversary system is going to furnish any rewards for the audience it must get away from the theater of banality or else get some new players.

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